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**A view of the churches in Cuba**

The community is invited to a slide presentation and a display of the work of the churches being performed in Cuba on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Faith Assembly Baptist Church, 1119 N.W. 12th Street.

Dr. B.J. Hampton, who served as a missionary in Cuba from 1996 until the spring of 2000, will be the speaker. Dr. Hampton has one of the few missionaries to Cuba since 1959 when Fidel Castro became dictator. The churches Dr. Hampton was associated with were in Havana and the cities and villages in the surrounding areas.

There will be a time for questions concerning the people and the churches of Cuba.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

Open house at Lake Shore

Lake Shore Middle School will be holding its open house on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Parents will be able to stop up and see their progress report and meet the teachers and hear about all the new things happening at the school.

Internet workshop offered
Your Library on the Internet will be presented by Jeff Rice, North Area Coordinator, at 10 a.m. in the Clarence E. Anthony Library in South Bay on Saturday, Sept. 23.

This workshop is open to the public and will explore the Palm Beach County Library Systems' web page.

Another free offering will be held Monday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Clarence E. Anthony Library. This presentation will show beginners how to use their computer and e-mail programs. "Introductory Internet" will show a powerpoint presentation on the basics (terminology and the world wide web).

Anyone interested in signing up for these workshops can call the library at 992-8393.

Free computer classes

Parents, teachers and community members are invited to free computer classes at Pahokee High and Glades Central.

Sessions one at Pahokee Middle/Senior High begins Sept. 28 and continues Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Session two at Pahokee High is Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30, and Dec. 7.

At Glades Central, session one begins Sept. 25 and continues Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Session two is Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4.

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Hundleys named 'Farm Family of the Year'

The John and Patsy Hundley family of Belle Glade, owners of Hundley Farms, Inc., were named the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year by the West Palm Beach County Farm Bureau at their annual dinner meeting Tuesday night. Pictured, left to right are Eric Hopkins, Krista Hopkins, Patsy Hundley, John Hundley, Paige Hundley and Scott Hundley. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

By Tracy Whirls

The John and Patsy Hundley family of Belle Glade, owners of Hundley Farms, Inc., were named the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year by the West Palm Beach County Farm Bureau at their annual dinner meeting Tuesday night.

In introducing the Hundleys, Farm Bureau member John Schleicher noted that the Glendy family came to the Glades from Missouri and Kansas to pursue agricultural opportunities.

He noted that the patriarch succeeded, and John Hundley, after graduating from the University of Florida, extended the family's agribusiness empire in 1969, raising cattle and growing vegetables in the Glades as well as sweet corn and fresh vegetables in southern Georgia and citrus in central Florida.

Hundley Farms now employs a third generation of Hundleys in their operations in Florida and Georgia, with son Scott and wife Paige and daughter Krista Hundley Hopkins and her husband Eric Hopkins joining the operation in 1991 and 1995 respectively.

Mr. Hundley has served on the boards of directors of

South Florida Production Workers, the South Florida Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative and Pioneer Growers.

Hundley told Farm Bureau members and others that even though the family's business interests often take them out of the area, "Our hearts are here."

The Hundley family is the 15th consecutive Everglades Agricultural Area family to receive the "Family of the Year" honors. Honorees are selected by previous years' winners, which include the Orsenzo, Wedgeworth, Schleicher, Chappelle, Hatton, Pope and other pioneering families in the Glades.

Keynote speaker and Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Maslotti told those attending the dinner that the county will enact new rules and regulations to make agriculture "farm friendly" and in keeping with the state legislature's "Right to Farm Act." The county's planning and zoning departments have rewritten all the county's ordinances regarding agriculture and all of

those new regulations will be adopted into law within the next 90 days.

"You'll no longer need to ask for a building permit to build a structure used for farming," Commissioner Maslotti said, adding that county staff will no longer be allowed to interfere with operations on farms, adopting new environmental resource management rules which permit farmers to clear trees on land to be used for agriculture without special permission and will no longer require farmers to maintain a "dry hydrant" or place a pond on their property. A simple sprinkler system can serve the same purpose at a much reduced cost.

The commissioner said the commission is working to try to redirect county assets to the areas in most dire economic need and he noted that while the proposed creation of the Everglades Scenic Trail may not directly impact agriculture, it will create more jobs, thereby reducing taxes paid by farmers, and will provide employment and training opportunities to produce a better workforce from which agribusiness can draw.

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U.S. Sugar lay off rocks community

By Debra Miller

The news of the lay off at U.S. Sugar shook the city of Pahokee to its core. Men and women sat around on front porches and in back yards holding back tears as their children looked on. The children were unaware as how their lives would change in the next few months as their parents made plans to move them away from their schools, churches and the only friends most had ever known.

When word came down Friday from the "Big House" at U.S.

Sugar that hundreds of full-time jobs would be eliminated, most were not shocked. Workers had been waiting to see what the company would do with the price of sugar fell lower and lower.

The laid off workers, some who had worked for the company since graduating from Clewiston High School, cleaned out their trucks, shook hands and hugged other employees who had held back tears and who had been promised back pay of them. The men with shoulders slumped but heads held high walked out the gate, looked up to the sky and prayed to God for

the strength and courage to tell their wives and children that life as they knew it was over.

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Incumbents ousted in Belle Glade City election

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Voters gave Mayor Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson the boot at Tuesday's election and instead chose two political newcomers to take their place.

Jeff Hawkins, 40, took 62 percent of the vote, defeating Mrs. Miller, who was the city's current mayor. Mrs. Miller, 55, had served three consecutive terms on the commission.

Donald Garrett, who was running against Mrs. Wilkerson and Myrna Santiago McPhee, took 62 percent of the vote to defeat both opponents. Mr. Garrett is a produce sales broker who ran a close race against current commissioner Steve Wilson last year and won 48 votes to 46 for McPhee, who did not file little campaign, garnered only 23 votes.

This contentious election brought out 41 percent of the registered voters, the highest percentage seen in many years, according to City Clerk Debra Buff. "This was the highest voter turnout I have seen since I've been here," said Ms. Buff.

Voters were also asked to decide whether commissioners

**Election results**

Seat A

Jeff Hawkins 1,232 62 percent

Harma Miller 927 35 percent of the vote

Seat B

Donald Garrett 1,507 35 percent of the vote

Myrna Santiago McPhee 23 votes: 4 percent of the vote

Mary Ross Wilkerson 902 votes: 37 percent of the vote

Steve Wilson 48 votes: 10 percent of the vote

Belie Glade Referendum

Executive committee term to four years?

Yes, 912 45 percent of the vote

No, 1,281 55 percent of the vote

should continue to serve two year terms or extend that to four year terms. This was a referendum.

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Smith picked as top city manager candidate

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Former Riviera Beach City Manager Tony Smith has been tapped to be the new city manager for the City of Belle Glade. Mr. Smith, 51, was chosen over six other candidates for the position during a special meeting held last week at city hall.

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Belle Glade residents to see small increase on tax bill

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

When Belle Glade residents get their tax bill in November they will see a slight increase in their tax bill.

City Finance Director Dave Wood said the commission has set the same millage rate as in years past at 8.98 percent, but because home values have increased in the town, most residents will pay a higher bill.

"Unless they added value to their property, they will see a less than five percent increase," said Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood says the average homeowner will see a less than five percent increase.

The city will see a tax increase of 7.5 percent, but most of that extra money will come from Glades General Hospital, which will go on the tax rolls for the first time.

The hospital, which has a value of \$4.9 million, was a not-for-profit hospital until it was purchased by Providence two years ago. It is

expected to add \$44,000 to the city's tax rolls.

For a homeowner with a home valued at \$75,000, and with a \$25,000 homestead exemption, this will mean a city tax bill of about \$450.

The average property value in Belle Glade increased 8.2 percent, but most homeowners will not feel much of the added value because the law, through the Save Our Homes initiative, allows increases of no more than 2.7 percent a year.

Each resident's tax bill will also include taxes for the Palm Beach County School Board, and the county or other taxing districts, including library taxes.

Mr. Wood said the final hearing on the millage rate will be Sept. 20 at city hall. He said the millage rate will be 8.98 percent, up from 8.98 percent in 1999. The city's budget is \$2,002 million in tax revenue, but they are only allotted to budget 95 percent of that, for a total of \$1,922 million.

**Rep. Greene visits Pahokee, promises to serve entire county**

By Tracy Whirls

Outgoing District 84 State Representative Addie Greene visited the Pahokee Commission before their budget hearing Sept. 11, and presented the city with a grant for a playground, costing \$22,000.

Mrs. Greene, who was forced to leave the legislature due to term limits, assured the commission and Pahokee residents that she will continue to work for the Glades as the newly elected Pahokee City Commission.

"I am here to serve you for the past six years. There are some people here the community needs to know how they helped and always had my back," Ms. Greene said, thanking her leg-

islative assistant James Harper, and Pahokee resident Diane Walker, who runs an office for the representative at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, as well as Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Director Alice Thompson who was instrumental in setting up the district office.

"I would like to also thank our farmers out here because when I first asked the speaker to put an office out here, you know we're not supposed to have an office, but we did," Ms. Greene remembers. "She came. She told me when she got off the plane 'I only have an hour.' So we got police escorts. They brought her out here, and they sent her back with State of Florida. When she got back, she said 'I'm sorry, I'm not supposed to have an office,' and she sent me one of her staff persons down, she came. She told me when she got off the plane 'I only have an hour.' So we got police escorts. They brought her out here, and they sent her back with State of Florida. When she got back, she said 'I'm sorry, I'm not supposed to have an office,' and she sent me one of her staff persons down, she came. She told me when she got off the plane 'I only have an hour.'

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Election

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dium supported by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilkerson. Voters by a 58 percent margin said no to four year terms for commissioners.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilkerson both say they will protest on the election, but neither would elaborate as to what they felt was illegal about the election. Mrs. Miller said, "We will be checking

out irregularities and the vote will not be official until they finish that."

Mrs. Miller said she has contacted her attorney and will be following up with the election commission board and the State Attorney's Office. Mrs. Wilkerson said she has no comment on the election results but nothing could elaborate as to what they felt was illegal about the election. Mrs. Miller said, "We will be checking

businesses in town. Bills Eye Pawn & Gun and Affordable Dry Cleaners, said, "I would like to extend my thanks to all the citizens of Belle Glade for their vote of confidence in me. I think the message was sent that it is time for some changes to be made."

Mr. Garrett said, "I want to thank everyone in Belle Glade for giving you their trust in me. I will serve you with honor, dignity and integrity. I want to make every citizen be a part in this city and I ask

everyone to come and work with me to make Belle Glade a perfect place to live."

The new commissioners would normally be sworn in at the next city commission meeting, which is set for Sept. 18, but since the incumbents have fled to have the election investigated, it may be delayed. "Hopefully, this will be resolved quickly," said Ms. Buff.

The new commissioners will take office on Oct. 1.

However, they are still out of work for the first time in many years.

They still will have hard choices to make as to how they will be able to run Clewiston without a job.

The company consolidated many departments and as a result whole departments were eliminated causing many of the full-time global economy.

"Reorganizing functions and redefining roles will allow for efficient use of both personnel and equipment," said Mr. Dolson. This also provides more focused management, quicker decisions, more feedback and better communications in each primary business unit."

Mr. Dolson said the huge influx of sugar cane and the lowest sugar prices in 25 years made the company look for new markets.

Prices for domestic sugar contracts closed last week at 18.6 cents a pound and according to growers they need at least 19.5 cents to break even.

Mr. Dolson said the company had been working on finding new markets, including farming harvesting, milling

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of July when Shelton Smith resigned to serve as city manager in Dothan, Ala. Mr. Smith had only been on the job 16 months before leaving to take the job in Dothan.

Tony Smith was the manager of Riviera Beach from 1990 until 1993, when commissioners declined to renew his contract. He was responsible for the day-to-day business of the city, which had 420 employees in the city. Riviera Beach has a population of about 30,000.

Riviera Beach City Clerk Carrie Ward, when asked for Mr. Smith's final performance evaluation, said the city commission did not do an official evaluation of him.

As families sat around discussing their problems over the weekend, one worker, who did not get laid off said, "It was very hard on workers who remain."

"These people are our friends and have been for years," said the worker. "Almost every one of my friends were laid off. They have families and kids in college, mortgages on houses, we have to pay for their lives. What are they going to do now? What is Clewiston going to do? People always tell you to stay in town and don't leave. Well, we stayed and now look, we are all in our 40's and have to start over somewhere else. I feel so bad for them and we still wonder if it is over yet. Some are saying there will be another 300 laid off before the mill opens. It never ends."

a good city manager," she said.

He currently resides in Tallahassee where he is the director of administrative services for the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security. From 1994 to 1995 he served as Polk County's assistant county manager. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Smith has a BS degree in political science from Florida A&M University and an MPA degree from Florida State University. He also has an All-Bullet Dissertation (ABD) Doctoral in Public Administration (DPA) from Nova Southeastern University.

If negotiations fall through with Mr. Smith, commissioners agreed to negotiate with other candidates. Edward Lowery and Vincent Mancuso Jr., who are seeking the job.

Commissioners hope to have a new city manager on board by the first of October.

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about the past and decide what to do about the future.

On Friday, U.S. Sugar announced the lay off of 217 full-time employees and 111 seasonal employees. The hardest hit was the agricultural department in which 100 employees lost their jobs. From the Agricultural Equipment Shop (AES), 33 people lost jobs; from the Engineering department, 24; and from management, 41 salaried employees were laid off.

Recently U.S. Sugar hired Booz Allen and Hamilton, a private management and technology consulting company based in McLean, Virginia. They concluded that U.S. Sugar had been farming much more intensively than needed and that their company did "more things, more often, with more people than other industries have." The recommendations

were that they continue only those functions that add value, while reducing the number of people and equipment.

According to Robert Dolson, President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Sugar, the company must shape operations to fit not only today's economic situation, but also tomorrow's increasingly global economy.

"The recommendations are certainly not unique to our company or even our industry," said Mr. Dolson. "It is an economic reality other industries have already experienced."

According to Mr. Dolson with the goal of maintaining the competitive business, U.S. Sugar has conducted an intensive analysis of its operations and benchmarked the industry. As a result, the company is being structured into two business lines, sugar and citrus. Executive Vice President James Terrell will manage all sugar-related operations, including farming, harvesting, milling

and refining. Executive Vice President Robert Baker will manage all citrus-related operations, including citrus groves and citrus processing facilities.

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Prices for domestic sugar contracts closed last week at 18.6 cents a pound and according to growers they need at least 19.5 cents to break even.

For the new commissioners, the company will speak again at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Glades General Hospital.

Call Sandy at 992-9500 or Leigh at 992-6160 for more information or to volunteer.

Free concert at Dolly Hand

The Florida Philharmonic will perform in a free concert at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For complimentary tickets call 992-6160 or 992-6161. The concert is by reserved seating only.

SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The SHIP spirit second annual Intervention Project, SHIP spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George McRae, Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami, and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

For more information, please call SHIP, 992-447-4747.

Free HIV tests will be given at the inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey; at Mt. Zion AIME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Center and at 136 South Main Street, Ft. Lauderdale, courtesy of NEXTEL.

For tickets or more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745.

Bingo at Elks Club

The Pahokee Elks Lodge, #1638 is offering bingo games for the community every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. The event is moderated by the Elks Club of Belle Glade.

The event will begin with a barbecue fund-raiser at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. The candidates will speak beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Elks Club at 996-2745.

For tickets or more information, contact Mrs. DeVito at 924-6466.

Free college tuition

The Take Stock in Children program provides free college tuition for qualified Seventh Grade students at Lake Shore Middle School and Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Parents who have participated

in the past four years and have a child in the seventh grade at one of these two schools and meetings the financial guidelines can qualify for the free tuition for their child.

Students must commit to maintaining a "C" average, have good behavior, say no to crime and drugs and have a good attendance record.

Applications are available in the school guidance departments.

For more information, call Gwinette Roads at the Communities In Schools at 992-7545 or the CIS office in Lake Worth at (561) 582-0620.

Date change

The Lupus Foundation has a new meeting date for the Glades Area Lupus Support Group.

Beginning this month, the group will meet the second Monday of each month. The meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Glades General Hospital.

Lupus is an auto immune disease that affects more than 1.5 million Americans. There is no cure, treatment is available. Those who are diagnosed will find a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which to share feelings and learn more about lupus. The group meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 1-800-339-0586.

Political Forum

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a political forum on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, 3005 E. Avenue E, Belle Glade.

The event will begin with a barbecue fund-raiser at 6 p.m.

Candidates will speak beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Elks Club at 996-2745.

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Reading Challenge

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The Eighth Annual McDonalds Reading Challenge.

With support from the Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast county libraries, the Reading Challenge encourages children in grades K-5 to visit their libraries throughout the month of September. Children who sign up

for the challenge

will receive a

prize.

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Proper nutrition is always important

Every time a hurricane is headed our way, I notice some shoppers seem to be lost. They wander the supermarket aisles, eyes glazing over, not quite sure what to buy.

The emergency management folks usually say to stock up on enough non-perishable food and bottled water to last your family about four or five days. After that time, the stores should be open again in some help should have arrived.

Start with water. Humans can live for days without food, but can dehydrate pretty quickly if they don't have water.

What kind of water? That seems like a strange question, but in the case of "designer" water, a shopper is faced with a multitude of choices.

First, there is your basic tap water. If you wash old plastic jugs and save them up, you can simply turn on the tap and fill them up. That method is only advisable if you normally drink your tap water.

Many people in South Florida don't personally do not drink the tap water. I have a well and while the water has been tested and shown to be safe to drink, I still don't quite trust it. I buy bottled water to drink and to cook with.

If you do store tap water, don't store it too long.

There can be bacteria in the water either from the pipes or from the jugs and this bacteria can grow over time. If a hurricane is coming, it's best to boil and/or clean and refill all containers used to store water.

If you buy bottled water, it should be sealed and safe, you can store commercially bottled water for months. Since I buy bottled water for my family anyway, I just keep it in the house during the hurricane season and cycle it through, using the oldest jugs of water first.

Choosing a brand type of bottled water is an individual decision. There is a difference between distilled water and purified water. Distilled water has been turned into steam and then



Healthy Living

with Katrine Eiken

condensed, so that any impurities left behind. Purified water has been put through some kind of filtration system to remove minerals.

There are many different brands of "designer" water and some people prefer one over another. That's an individual choice. I have picked up one bit of interesting information. Water that is labeled "distilled" and "purified" may mean more impurities than water that is sold in the state where it is bottled.

It has to do with interstate commerce laws.

How much water do you need? Most of the health and state you should drink eight glasses of water per day. So that's one gallon of water per person per day. Some people who work (or play) outside a lot in the Florida heat need even more water than that to stay hydrated. I store five gallons per person for my own family.

Next on the hurricane supply shopping list is canned goods that do not need cooking.

We are assuming that following a hurricane there might not be electricity, which means no refrigeration and no way to heat food. I generally only buy foods I know my family will eat anyway. For example, I stock up on the single-serving cans of fruit packed in juice. If the hurricane goes the other way, I'll use it to make smoothies. I also have all sorts of single-serving foods marketed for school lunches.

Single-serving fruit juice drinks and vegetable juice drinks are also nice to have on hand. There are even some pads-

ding that don't need refrigeration, but read the labels if anyone's food has had food sensitivities because they may be full of preservatives.

Dried fruit is another healthy choice that won't spoil.

Peanut butter is a necessity at my house anyway. When a hurricane is coming, I make sure I have an extra jar or two. Peanut butter is high in protein and doesn't need refrigeration.

I also make sure I have plenty of crackers on hand.

Bread spoils a lot faster than crackers.

During a hurricane scare last year I discovered my kids actually like certain brands of Vienna sausages, so those go on my hurricane shopping list. For myself and my husband, I add some small cans of tuna.

If there's a baby in the house, powdered formula comes in handy. You might not be able to keep milk or formula refrigerated, and with the powdered kind you can mix up one bottle at a time.

If your family normally eats cookies and candy, it wouldn't hurt to have some on hand. Sugar is a natural preservative so sweets aren't likely to spoil.

I also buy tea bags. Even if I can't boil water, I can make sun tea.

There are a lot of canned foods, such as soups, that are precooked and just need warming.

I put some of these on my list as well, sticking to items I know my family will eat even if we are not hit by a hurricane. There are plenty of ways to warm food, even if you have to build a small campfire outside. The food is precooked, you won't have to worry about heating it to a certain temperature for safety.

I also stock up on charcoal. I figure if a hurricane should come and the electricity goes off long enough to thaw the meat in the freezer, then we can fire up the grill and invite all the neighbors over for a post-storm barbecue.

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"Now, tell me what happened," Linda said in a soft voice. She was taking Brandy's pulse rate as she kept the other hand on Mom's head.

"I think she swallowed a coin from the floor!" It was Mom's first complete sentence.

Linda continued holding Brandy, who now was twirling with the stethoscope around her neck. She asked a few more questions and her surprised appearance succeeded in producing a more composed mother.

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Everything into the mouths of babes

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

"Brandy! No!"

It seemed like Brandy's mother was saying "no" to her three-year-old daughter a thousand times a day. This time, she really meant it.

"Don't!"

Everything seemed to be in danger as the little girl moved with a shiny coin moved into the mouth. Mom couldn't get there fast enough.

Brandy stood twice, then looked up and smiled at her wide-eyed mother.

Brandy was rolling the pendant on Mom's necklace around and around, finding where two wires met. She burst through the ER doors. Mom was so frantic that she could barely speak.

Linda, the emergency nurse working the triage desk today, saw the look in Mom's eyes and immediately turned her attention to the young child in her arms.

As Linda made note of a dry breathing pattern and bright eyes of Brandy, Mom, with her voice and hands trembling, tried to talk.

"She swallowed...I think she swallowed a coin," Linda took a wobbly Brandy from Mom's arms and placed her comfortably on her own knee. Brandy looked up and smiled.

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most reassuring tone. "This happens with kids all the time. She looks great now, but we'll check on you just to make sure." Linda let the mother know.

They moved into ER Room 14, and Linda sat Brandy back onto Mom's lap.

By the time emergency physician Tammy Cortez entered the room, Tammy was worried. Mom was seated, looking relaxed but kept a worried look on her face. After introductions and a few more questions, Cortez placed a cooperative Brandy onto the stretcher.

She checked in her throat, felt her neck, and listened to her lungs.

"She looks great right now. We'll take an X-ray to see just where it is. She's doing fine, don't worry," she said as she patted Mom on the shoulder.

After a quick trip across the hall for the X-ray, Cortez returned to the room with the child.

Mom's eyes widened a little in anticipation.

"This looks fine. It's a small coin, probably a dime." Cortez sounded very encouraging. "It should pass within a day or two. These are really not expected to give you any problems."

"Won't she choke?" Mom asked.

Cortez sat down on the stretcher near Mom.

"No, it's not a problem." She went on to explain that this coin had gone down Brandy's esophagus and right into her stomach, and did not get into her trachea or lungs at all.

Cortez then took the opportunity to remind Mom about the dangers of small objects that are within reach of a young

child. "They put everything in their little mouths, don't they?"

She went on to discuss the common poisons that children the age of Brandy often ingest.

"It's a good idea to check around the house," Cortez said in a helpful, not accusatory, tone. "When you get home, check in every cupboard, and on every shelf. Even look in the garage for anything within reach."

Mom nodded. This was her first child, and she really had never thought about these things before.

"And remember," Cortez added as she walked past the curtain out of the room. "Kids have a way of climbing up to things that you would never think they could reach."

"Thanks, Doc."

Mom was finally completely comforted and headed toward their car. She had a determined look on her face, with a mission to accomplish when she got home. She didn't want to go through anything like this again.

Ingestion of foreign objects by children is a problem seen among children. These children are usually less than five years of age, and such ingestions may involve literally anything that is small enough to fit into their mouths.

If an object enters the trachea, it can, of course, obstruct airways and lead to hypoxia. Some swallowed objects may be poisonous or corrosive.

Objects like coins are swallowed quite commonly. Depending on the size of the coin and the size of the child's esophagus, the coin will either lodge in the esophagus and become lodged in the esophagus.

Coins smaller than quarters usually will pass all the way through the gastrointestinal tract of these children without incident. Larger coins that lodge in the esophagus must be removed.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

Supplements may offer protection from Osteoporosis

(NAPS) The sooner, the better.

That advice may help many women prevent, or reduce the onset of osteoporosis later in life. A recent study suggests that many women can benefit significantly from early treatment of osteoporosis, and that a widely available over-the-counter dietary supplement.

The results suggest that women begin experiencing bone loss earlier than previously believed, even before menopause, during the premenopausal stage," says Lisa Nachigil, MD, a leading authority on women's health and professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at the New York University School of Medicine.

Perimenopause refers to the gradual period of change leading up to the final onset of menopause. During this stage, estrogen production slows and the ovaries stop the regular production of eggs. As estrogen levels decline, trabecular bone, the

inner bone layer, is also lost.

The over-the-counter supplement, called Promensil, is made from plant estrogens (or isoflavonoids) extracted from red clover, and each tablet is standardized to deliver a proprietary ratio of the four important plant estrogens most commonly found in nature. The specific ratio of plant estrogens in Promensil appears to help provide protection against trabecular bone loss.

Hormone replacement therapy is frequently prescribed to women to help prevent osteoporosis, but generally, women do not take it until after menopause," says Dr. Nachigil. "Promensil is a safe, natural and convenient option, and has been clinically proven effective not only for reducing symptoms of menopause, such as hot flashes, but also for helping to reduce bone loss."

The National Osteoporosis Foundation recommends that

small farmers have is how to sell what they grow and make money selling what they grow," said Swisher. "Farmers' markets are a good alternative for consumers because they're a great source of a wide variety of locally grown, really fresh food," she said.

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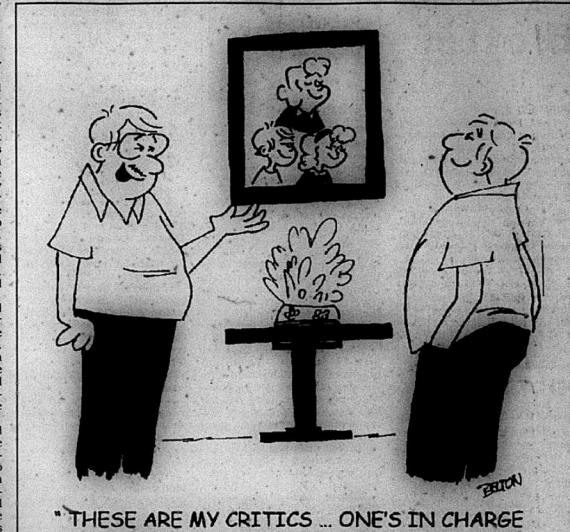
Dear Editor:

I live in Belle Glade. I would like to register a complaint about the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Dept. I was walking a friend at Palm Coast Hospital late last Wednesday and my car was stolen somewhere between ten and 12 o'clock. I called the Sheriff's department just a few minutes after 12. The dispatcher advised me that they would have an officer there to meet me to stand out in front of the hospital. At 2:45 I called the Sheriff's department again and I advised them that I hadn't seen an officer. She said to wait there and she'd get me to me.

I called again at 3:25 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. and again at 5 p.m., after I had stood outside the hospital for four solid hours. I called the next day to register a complaint and I got to talk to the second man in charge. He said he would find out what happened and he would call me back.

The next morning he called me back and gave me the excuse that they had hired a new dispatcher and she didn't want to ask anybody what was going on because she didn't want to bother anybody. I think it's an awful lot of time for four hours for one to wait outside a hospital with as many Sheriff deputies as we have. I am very, very disgusted with the Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Department.

*Joe Scott
Belle Glade*



"THESE ARE MY CRITICS ... ONE'S IN CHARGE OF MY DRIVING ... ONE THE WAY I DRESS AND THE OTHER THE WAY I ACT."

Speak Out

Speak out is our free 24 hour opinion line. Call 999-6636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Political debate issue

"As a long time resident of Belle Glade, I am appalled at the many statements and allegations that came out in the GCDC political debate on August 31. I thought this organization was supposed to help the community and be impartial and unbiased. It did not take sides in political candidates."

"How could they be biased? One of this organization sit back and let this travesty occur? The son of one of the candidates, who is also an employee of GCDC, wrote very misleading questions and statements that insinuated wrongdoing on the part of Chief Miller."

How can we as citizens let the incumbents make an issue out of Chief Miller doing his job as he has done for many years—fairly and impartially? Could it be that these are personal issues? Is there someone there with a vested interest in what happens at the Bonnavenport? That maybe their family members can't make money if the Bonnavenport isn't allowed to bring in adult entertainment?

Anyone who has lived in Belle Glade for any time knows that Chief Miller is a very ethical and moral person who enforces the law impartially and with the best interest of all citizens in mind. He does his job well and allows citizens to talk to him at any time, even if it interferes with his personal time. What other employee or elected official in the City of Belle Glade is this accessible? None that I have found.

I am very sorry to see that the incumbents are the ones making issues out of non-issues (as one candidate inferred in her flyer about her opponent). The candidates should stand on the issues and not use Chief Miller and the Police Department as a scapegoat."

Here's the truth

"Doesn't anybody want to know the truth about why Chief Miller and the Belle Glade Police Department are getting such a hard time from some members of the Belle Glade City Commission for trying to enforce the law at Bonnavenport?"

Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson's son and daughter-in-law are deeply involved in managing the club and the entertainment?

And, if what I hear is true, the mayor may also have a family related conflict of interest. The Sun needs to print the truth and print it now."

EDITOR'S NOTE: These Speak Out came in this week and will be running after the election. The Sun has addressed the here-and-there issue in previous editions of the paper and has booked acts into Bonnavenport. Mrs. Miller stated on the record she feels this is not a conflict of interest for her to vote on issues involving adult entertainment! That decision, along with voting on this issue by Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson, would be a call best made by City Attorney Charles Schoch.

Kids are kids

"Kids are going to be kids and, when you are rude to them, every time that kid sees you they're not going to have respect for you. If you don't respect the kid, how do you expect to get respect from that kid? It's plain sickening the way some people talk to them. That's one reason why we have a lot of negativity here in Belle Glade, because we have some people who talk down to children."

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Speak Out was edited. I encourage the caller to contact authorities if he has specific complaints.

Reaching out

"There is a group of individuals in our community, as well as others, who have made a contribution in making a difference in people's lives. They have not only made a difference in people's lives, but they are a great example to others. By choice, these people have made changes in individuals' lives who were down on their luck, weak, needed someone to turn to or more or less believed their lives had no meaning."

Often, people find themselves in a place in their lives when they're weak in spirit for whatever reason: a broken marriage, dysfunctional home life, lack of acceptance, or most of all, lack of love. There are a group of individuals who have a solution for those who are in trouble. They have a solution for them: a solution that has been accepted for many years with no exception, except to pain, false friendship, promise of security, which is empty, addiction, and in most cases, death. This group of people reach out their hand to those in need. They reach out their hand with drugs, mainly with crack cocaine."

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Gove Elementary

Cat Talk

Welcome back

Welcome to a new year at Gove Elementary School. We sincerely hope this school year will be an excellent year filled with learning and growth as we support our students for a "Bright Future." As always, our staff has been working very hard in preparing exciting and challenging activities for our students. Our mission is to meet the educational needs of all of our students.

As many of you have either read or heard, our school made tremendous gains in all areas of the FEAT as compared to last school year. In reading, our scores improved 14 percent to 56 percent. In the area of math we scored at the 76 percent—a 20 points difference from last year's 56 percent. In writing we also improved. Our scores went from 50 percent to 77 percent. We are very proud of our accomplishments and hope to continue to strengthen our foundations of our state and our district.

Once again, we encourage all parents, as well as the community, to get involved in the education of our children. It is our hope that with your assistance and support the students at Gove Elementary will soar to great heights. Please do not hesitate, call today if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a parent volunteer. Together, we can make a difference and make this year one of the very best!

School uniforms

This is a reminder that our school has a mandatory uniform policy. The Gove Elementary emblem or the Gove Cat are the only logos or designs accepted on the clothing. Please encourage your child to wear his uniform daily. For your convenience,



Jay's Fashion in Belle Glade carries our line of uniforms.

Upcoming fundraisers

Once again, our school will be collecting box tops from any General Mills product. This is an easy way for our school to get extra money to purchase additional supplies and equipment. Please clip and save your box tops, snack box, Yoplait yogurt multipacks, and/or Campbell's soup labels and our school will receive 10 to 15 cents.

Take charge of education

Our school is also participating in "Take Charge of Education" program sponsored by Target stores. This program will donate 1 percent of all Target Guest Card purchases to our school. Parents, grandparents and friends can help us all by applying for a Target Guest Card. You may also visit your local Target store or by obtaining an application form from our Family Center. Just remember to designate Gove Elementary School on your application so that our school can receive 1 percent of the sales you make.

If you already have a Target Guest Card, you can call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.

Remember to include the school's address and phone number. Please consider participating in this fundraising program to benefit our school.

Family Center update

We encourage all parents to take advantage of the many resources our Family Center has to offer. Books, tape recorders, video tapes, magazines and more are available for your enjoyment.

Books include English and Spanish books for all ages. There are a few of the items available for parents to check out. The Family Center is open daily from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Migrant families in

need of assistance may see the social worker in the Family Center. Her hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. daily.

Safety Patrol Installation

Approximately 45 fifth graders were installed into the 2000-01 Safety Patrol Squad. The installation took place on Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the center. Lieutenant Jim Cisner, of the Belle Glade Police Department, was the guest speaker. The purpose of the program is to develop a sense of responsibility at an early age.

The students were recommended by their teachers for being good examples of leadership, safety, good citizenship and good grades.

Grades, behavior will be monitored throughout the year. The patrols will be sponsored several new fund raisers to help defray the cost of their uniforms to Washington, D.C. Hope we can count on your support. Congratulations to the following students: Austin Boyd, Ronnie Bustos, Jessica Bryant, Emily Cardenas, Cameron Carter, Jose Castillo, Jamie Clark, Michael Cayson, Jude Clegg, Kristy Clegg, Jennifer Courson, Dori Crosby, Allie Delgado, Christopher Deosar, Rachad Dericio, Angel Escobedo, Ashley Feltner, Blanca Garcia, Amelia Gutierrez, Kandie Hedrick, Joshua Huston, Richard Jameson, Johnson, Richard Jameson, Samantha King, Janine Machado, Lucia Martinez, Oscar McCarthy, Rosa Mendoza, Kathryn Miller, Cristal Monroe, Rigoberto Moreno, Maher Mursheid, Jamie Olivia, Cynthia Orsenzo, Ramon Pacheco, Eva Perez, Zolla Rivera, William Viera, Jorge Vergel, Leonardo Vital, Alex Williams, Susan Zavala, and Abber Zayad.

Planet Patrol

The Gove "Planet Patrol," sponsored by Mrs. Zavalas and Mrs. Black's classes, will once again begin the paper recycling program at our school. The students have delivered plastic recycl-

ing bins to each room along with a flyer reminding the classes of things that can be recycled. The purpose of the planet patrol is to encourage the students to preserve our natural resources and it also teaches Mrs. Zavalas' and Mrs. Black's students a very important preventative skill.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Parents are encouraged to get each child a library card as part of the "back to school" shopping or in celebration of September as Library Card Sign-up Month. Remember, Readers are Winners.

Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Ellen Smith, physical education teacher, was recently selected as Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Driver Education Teacher of the Year. This honor is based on her exemplary record of providing the best in physical education for our boys and girls. The award will be presented at the FAHPERD Conference in Orlando on Oct. 12. As recipient of the award, Mrs. Smith is eligible to compete for the NASPE Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award. We are proud to have Mrs. Smith on our staff and wish her the very best in all future endeavors.

Read With Me Day

"Read With Me Day" celebrated on Friday, Sept. 8, was a big success. Over 50 parents, volunteers and business partners took time out of their busy schedule to visit our school and read to our students. Special thanks to Ms. Mandy McMullen, media specialist, for coordinating this event.

Upcoming events...

09/11-19 Scholastic Book Fair

3/01-09 Open House Grades K-

09/09 Open House Grades 4-6

09/19 Early Release

09/21 SAC at 6:30 p.m.

"But most people don't know that more than 90 percent of farms in the State of Florida are actually small farms," she said.

Military news

Sappenfield graduates from basic combat training

Army National Guard Pfc. Thomas W. Sappenfield has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremonial movements, rifle marksmanship, unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military customs, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Thomas Sappenfield of Belle Glade, Fla., and Sandra Limbrick of Louisville, Ky.

Sappenfield is a graduate of Pahokee High School.

Veggies

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"Some grocery stores do buy some local produce, but it depends on the location and the stores manager."

The fact is, most grocery stores buy their produce in very large amounts and they buy through central purchasing plans," she said.

Since small farm owners generally are shut out of the larger markets, Swisher said, they are left trying to find new ways to get their products directly into the hands of the consumers.

Traditional methods include farmers' markets, "u-pick" fields and roadside produce stands.

But another method of putting farmer and consumer together is beginning to gain popularity. Called either community-supported agriculture or subscription farming, the method allows families to pay a farmer a certain amount for up to a year's worth of produce. The practice was first developed in Switzerland and Japan in

the 1960's and was introduced in the United States in the 1980's.

"In urban areas, are moving toward alternative organizations that concentrate on dealing directly with the consumer," said Rose Koening, who owns Rose's Organic Farm and grows organic vegetables, cut flowers and herbs on 17 acres just south of Gainesville. "Our farm uses a system of community supported agriculture which is a subscription-type agriculture where people can buy a year's worth of produce."

Koening said her farm currently has 70 families participating in the program that share in the farm's profits. "It's 20 to 25 percent of vegetables produced during the course of the growing season. For example, a share of the produce from Koening's farm costs \$400 and provides 10 to 12 pounds of organically grown produce every week for 35 weeks," according to Koening, that should feed a non-waste family for a year.

She said it is important for a small farmer to offer some unique product or service. "You have to

develop your specialty or niche and offer the consumer something that is unique or better priced or organically grown vegetables—that may not be available at the food stores," Koening said.

Swisher also said small farms provide important services to their communities in terms of food production and environmental protection.

"A lot of the land on the fringes of our communities is in small farms," Swisher said. "The farms are protecting green space for us. When farmers use good management practices, they protect the quality of the water that goes into the river for wildlife."

Swisher said small farms hold about 15 percent of the total market, even though in terms of number of farms, they comprise a majority of Florida farms.

"When most people think of agriculture in Florida, they think of large farms—agriculture," she said. "That's mostly true, a lot of Florida produce does come off of large farms."

Arrest Blotter

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 611 complaints, gave 38 traffic citations and made 24 arrests the week of Sept. 4-10. Those arrested

Sept. 4 - Carl Green, 37, unlawful consumption of alcohol; Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Carlos DeLeon, 30, strong arm robbery; Eliseas Camacho, 40, two counts of failure to appear on charges of aggravated stalking and order of commitment; Tomás Gómez, 30, retail theft and obstructing an officer with out violence; Juvenile, 17, battery; Annette Delgado, 20, bat-

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WELCOME CELEBRITY READERS



Celebrity readers came out in large numbers to read to the students at local schools during Literacy Week. Shown is Debbie Battles (on right) reading to students in Donna McClanahan's K-3 gifted class at Belle Glade Elementary. Ms. McClanahan was dressed in costume for the occasion.



Teacher Nancy Hainley (wearing the hat), directs Heidi White to a room where she will be reading to students at Belle Glade Elementary during Literacy Day on Friday, Sept. 8.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE READING EASIER



Glades Central varsity football players Ali Samara (52) and Jean Similien (44) were among six from their team who read to students at Gove Elementary Friday. Head football Coach Guillermo Bueno said the players volunteered to participate in the reading program to encourage the children to enjoy reading. "It's not enough to be a great player. You have to be a great student," Coach Bueno said. Also reading were Garland Heath, John Miller, Santonio Holmes and Al Royal, not pictured.

GLADE VIEW ELEMENTARY WELCOMES HEALTH CARE DISTRICT



The staff and parents of the Glade View Elementary family would like to welcome and thank the Health Care District for their sponsorship. With the help of the Health Care District, free school supplies and donated money for school uniforms was given to Glade View's parents and students. We at Glade View would like to send a big "thank you" to the Seth Bernstein, Director of the Health Care District, and his staff.

Thank You

Thanks very much for all the prayers, letters, cards and flowers. Also, to all the friends that were there when we needed them, during the illness and death of my son, George Mathis. May God Bless You All!

Sincerely,
Hilda Mathis

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- Don Garrett

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GLADE VIEW THANKS BELLE SOUTH



Glade View Elementary would like to thank Bell South Pioneers Palm Beach Council for their donation of school supplies. The Pioneers asked the employees of Bell South to donate the money for school supplies and fortunately, Glade View Elementary was one of the three schools that received a donation. Pictured from left to right are three of Glade View's Elementary bright and thankful students who received some of the donated supplies. Kiana McGrew (1st grade), Clarinesha Young (5th grade), and Willie Jackson (4th grade). Thank You Bell South Pioneers for your support.

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Glades Central's winning streak continues



Making touchdowns for the Raiders during Friday's game against Pope John Paul were, left to right, running back Michael Brown (#8), defensive back Albert Dowdell (#21), running back Bill Graham (#28), receiver Santonio Holmes (#2) and, not pictured, running back Mario Frazier (#29).

Photos by Adrián "Big A" Verez.

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Glades Central Raiders' winning streak seems it will run into the third millennium after the performance the team has demonstrated recently.

The Raiders' winning record this season was improved upon by one more win last Friday night against Pope John Paul. The Raiders won the game on their own turf with a final score of 46-

0. "Right now we're playing pretty good; hopefully, we'll keep getting better every week," said Head Coach Willie Bueno of his football team.

The entire team played well against Pope John Paul Friday night. #8 Mario Frazier (#29) was the key player of the game with 135 total yards and two touchdowns. Fraser's Raider teammate, RB/LB Michael Brown #8 wasn't left too far behind as he

also scored two touchdowns. "We really played well overall," said Coach Bueno.

"Next week we play at Cleviston. They've got a very, very good team offensive, defensive," said Coach Bueno.

The Raiders beat Cleviston the last time they faced each other 16-0.

"We're just going to have to be able to run the ball more and no turnovers," said Coach Bueno when asked about his strategies



Big 'A's' Offensive Players of the Week for Glades Central are, left to right, Kelvin Hyman (#76), Demarcus Brown (#64), John Miller (#66), Tyrone Barrett (#57) and Al Samara (#52).

THREE DOWN!



Glades Central's Booster Club is all smiles as they hold up three fingers to indicate the Raiders have won their first three football games of the season. The Booster Club is also happy because they will be sponsoring a "Half-time Kick-off" to raise money for the team. The fund raiser is sponsored by The Sun newspaper and will allow the Booster Club to sell tickets for \$1 on a chance for two winners to kick a goal during half time. If a kicker makes the goal, they will be awarded a \$50 savings bond, courtesy of The Sun.



From left to right, Coach Dobson is looking for #10 Kyle McNamara, QB/DB, to step up his play and his defense to help the team win, and #15 Brianian Thomas, TB/DB, to continue playing as he did on Friday where he completed 180 yards rushing with 16 carries and 2 touchdowns.

Glades Day's record is now 1-1

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Day Gators balanced out their record to 1-1 after managing a win Friday night against St. Edwards. The Gators' record now stands at 1-1.

The team achieved its first victory here at Belle Glade by way of a 22-0 win. The Gators really chewed up visiting St. Edwards 22-0 after establishing their offensive run at the beginning of the game and carrying through with the same tactic for all four quarters.

Brannan Thomas, #15 TB/DB and Eric Molano, #1 FB/LB were two of the players who helped propel the team to their win. Brannan Thomas had 180 yards rushing with 16 carries and 2 touchdowns while Eric played his part by accomplishing 4 sacks and 8 tackles. The Gators held St. Edwards to -6 yards rushing

19 yards passing for a total of 13 yards offense.

Head Coach Dobson said that the team is doing well, they still have a ways to go before they can just sit down and rest. "The offensive line is doing a decent job. We're not there yet, but we're getting better," said Coach Dobson.

The Gators' next challenge will be on Sept. 15 against Pompano Beach. Though the Gators will possess the home-field advantage, they will have to play their best against Pompano Beach on Friday if they want to win.

Pompano Beach presents a little problem. They have far more speed than we've seen and their quarterback runs as well as throws," said Coach Dobson. "We beat them 49-0 last year at Pompano Beach, but they were really young. Last year the team was mostly

sophomores and juniors, but this year they're all seniors and juniors."

The coach expects his quarterback, Kyle McNamara #10, to step up his play and his defense to do the job they've been doing until now to keep up the wins. Brandon McMillan will also be returning on special teams after recovering from injuries. Brandon was sidelined during the first two football games of the season.

After being asked what his team could do to gain the win Friday night, Coach Dobson responded, "We're going to have to play together as a team, hard every game. When the players start believing in each other, we'll get more wins."

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Gators' football field.



The Glades Day Cheerleading squad was on hand at Friday's game to cheer on their team and help rally the Gators to victory. From left to right, cheerleaders Lauren Sweet, Jenn Malandro and Shannon Davis.

PIGSKIN PICKS

Standings

Player	Wins	Losses
Robert Archer	13	7
Mike Burkett	17	3
Randy Gay	16	4
Rick Gold	16	4
Billy Rimes	16	4
Adrian "Big A" Vereen	15	5

This Week's Games

The underlined team has the home field advantage.

Pahokee vs. Suncoast

Glades Day vs. Pompano Beach

Glades Central vs. Clewiston

Fla. State Seminoles vs. North Carolina

Florida Gators vs. Tennessee

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Speak

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You, drug dealer, know that you have these people hooked and receive a steady income from their addictions. Would you sell or give drugs to your children? Although some of you drug dealers have children, I don't think would. But if you learned that another drug dealer was supplying your children with drugs, you would probably come tingling.

Drug dealers, quit contaminating, contributing, and choosing to give people who are truly in need of real help, destruction. You, drug dealer, will in the long run, lose; in this life, by man or God. And you know who you are and what you do. Is there not someone happy with yourself? You should start being your brother's keeper rather than his killer.

If there are concerned people reading this reach out and know someone who is a drug dealer or a user who sees no hope, please reach out to them. Put the drug dealer in his place and show the

user that you care and want to help. This world is known all over the world H.B. Lee.

The addict needs direction and help instead of addiction and hell.

Our community leaders, who have reputation and trust, and those who are seeking positions in leading our community, should make no empty promises regarding this problem. Let's resolve this crisis by making its resolution a priority in making Belle Glade a better place to work and live.

In summary, our city-leaders, law enforcement, and community, along with the drug dealers who want to make a real difference, should commit themselves to achieving the goal of a safe, secure, and our city a proud and better community. We should speak to others in our county, state or wherever else we may go.

Last, but not least, to the user...there are people who do care. Stop being fooled by your so-called friends, your drug dealer, your parents, your wife along with your lifestyle. Most of you can have a good and real life without drugs. Separate yourselves from those who really don't care and reach out to those who do. This writer was in your shoes years ago.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. It will surely be there."

Kudos to

Pahokee businesses

"Hello, I'm a citizen of the City of Pahokee and I'm just calling in to recognize a few business that we have here in Pahokee. We here in a small community like Pahokee don't have the luxury of larger cities,

especially when you have to go out for dinner. We have a Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken. I'm calling in to recognize some businesses here in Pahokee. These businesses have young people, students, old people and they give them jobs with which they're able to pay their bills. I went to the Burger King just to look around and I was very impressed with Burger King. The people they have working there are very smart, very courteous. I also went to the Kentucky Fried Chicken. The Kentucky Fried Chicken had friendly faces, good service and good food. I applaud them for staying in Pahokee. I applaud them for their leadership for staying here and helping people. I like to tip my hat to Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Thank you."

Pahokee needs the hospital

"I'm calling in regards to Everglades Regional Medical Center, which used to be the hospital here in Pahokee. I just want to know how many people have gotten about the hospital? I haven't heard anything about that lately. When are they going to open it? It's very life-threatening and inconvenient having to go to a hospital in Belle Glade.

Did they say, 'Oh well, we'll just wait until we don't need one.' Because that's just not the way to go. We don't know what the city manager or what the commissioner's are doing. They make promises and nobody comes out with some kind of breakthrough. I just wanted to let everyone know that we still

need a hospital in Pahokee. Thank you."

New street sign

"I have a question. I've lived at Canal Point for 36 years. Suddenly, I noticed there's a new street sign on the north end of Canal Point on 441.

It designates this as Lake Boulevard; this is not Lake Shore Drive. I don't know if DOT or the county have authorized a name change; if they have, the residents have not been notified.

And we're concerned about the 911 change of address up here. How will this affect us? If the name of the street has been changed from Lake Shore Drive to Lake Boulevard, how will fire and rescue know where we are?

I'd really appreciate for this to be looked into. Thank you."

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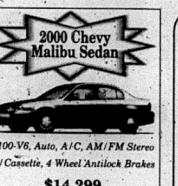
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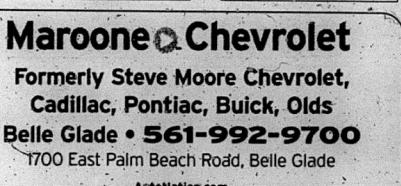
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